2549. WITHDRAWN

Cadre restructuring of CSS Assistants

2550. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4658 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th April, 2007 and state:

(a) what was the recommendation of a Parliamentary Committee leading to cadre restructuring of CSS Assistants;

(b) whether 50 per cent of the 1800 posts of S.Os created to benefit the stagnating Assistants, was diverted to Limited Departmental S.O. Examinations during the last four years, in which mostly the Directly Recruited Assistants appointed recently benefited;

(c) whether such action was contrary to the recommendations of Parliamentary Committee and was also a contempt of Court, since the matter was *sub-judice* in Delhi High Court on account of CWP No. 13245-60/2005; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto and the present status of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) One of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs leading to cadre restructuring of the CSS was regarding assessment of the magnitude of stagnation in Assistant grade and to suggest remedial measures.

(b) to (d) Pending amendment of the CSS Rules, 40 percent of vacancies in the Section Officers' Grade are kept earmarked for filling up through the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination every year since 2003. In the CWP No. 13245-60/2005 filed by Shri Kailash Chandra and others *Vs.* UOI in the Delhi High Court, the Hon'ble Court in its interim order has directed that "Any appointment made by the respondents to the post of Section Officer shall be subject to the results of the writ petition." The appointments made to Section Officers' Grade are subject to outcome of the case and, as such, there has not been any contempt of court.

Cases received by CVC

2551. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) receives almost 70 cases of corruption per day;

(b) whether during January-February, 2007 the CVC has already recommended the prosecution of 337 Government officials drawn from 600 Central Government establishments;

(c) if so, the total officials so far convicted;

(d) the number of cases in which action is pending; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to check corruption prevailing in almost all the Central and State Departments in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) During the year 2006 and 2007(upto July), the Central Vigilance Commission has received an average of about 400 cases per month covering various misconducts alleged to have been committed by the Central Government officials.

(b) During January-February, 2007, the Commission advised prosecution of 37 officials of various Departments/Organizations.

(c) and (d) The Commission does not maintain data regarding conviction of the officers against whom prosecution has been launched by the agency concerned.

(e) The Government is fully committed to implement its policy of "ZeroTolerance" on corruption and is moving progressively to eradicate corruption from all sphere of life. Several steps have been initiated to remove corruption and to improve functioning of Government. Important among these steps are:—

(i) Enactment of Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003;

(ii) Whistle Blowers Resolution, 2004;

(iii) Enactment of Right to Information Act, 2005;

(iv) The pro-active involvement of Ministries/Departments through Annual Action Plan on vigilance; and

(v) Issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC.

Government organizations are also constantly engaged in improving their functioning through e-Governance, issue of Citizen Charters and simplification of procedures and systems, which are aimed at eradicating corruption by improving transparency and accountability.

Public expenditure on education and health

2552. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about 5,000 children from rural areas of over/eight States participated in a rally as part of "9-is-mine" on the Martyr's Day requesting Government to allocate nine per cent of the GDP to public expenditure on education and health as promised in the National Common Minimum Programme;

(b) if so, the present percentage of GDP allocated to education and health; and

(c) whether the rural areas have adequate facilities especially for education and health services?